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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 832

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SUBJECT: GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ ON BERLIN'S

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC

REFS: (A) BONN 6794; (B) BONN GROUP AIR STUDY, JAN 24, 1972

1. AT FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE OF HIS NEW TERM  
(APRIL 28) GOVMAYOR SCHUETZ EXPRESSED "URGENT HOPE"  
THAT BERLIN "COULD BE MORE FIRMLY LOCKED INTO  
INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC" DURING COMING SESSION OF  
BERLIN LEGISLATURE. SCHUETZ ACKNOWLEDGED INCREASE  
IN NUMBER OF CARRIERS IN BERLIN AIR SERVICES DEPENDED  
ON PERMISSION OF ALLIES AND ON POSITION OF GDR; AND NOTED  
PROBLEM COULD BE TALKED ABOUT FOREVER, BUT SAID THAT  
IN ORDER TO PRESERVE EXISTING AIR CONNECTIONS AND  
THEIR LEGAL STATUS ONE HAD TO "TAKE PAINS" TO BRING  
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ADDITIONAL CARRIERS TO BERLIN.

2. IN 1974 ABOUT 12 PERCENT OF THE 68,240  
COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TO AND FROM WEST BERLIN ORIGINATED  
FROM OR WERE DESTINED FOR LOCATIONS OUTSIDE  
GERMANY. NEARLY ALL THESE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS WERE  
NON-SCHEDULED CHARTER SERVICES, AND BERLIN'S THREE  
SCHEDULED CARRIERS HAVE NO MAJOR PLANS FOR IN-  
CREASING THEIR PRESENT SMALL NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL  
FLIGHTS. (BA FLIES FOUR ROUND-TRIPS DAILY TO UK;  
AIR FRANCE FLIES TWO ROUND-TRIPS TO PARIS; PA HAS  
ONE TO LONDON. ONLY ONE BA FLIGHT IS NON-STOP.)

3. COMMENT: WE SUGGEST EMB MAY WISH RECONSIDER  
DANISH REQUEST ON BEHALF OF SAS OF JAN 25 (WHICH WE  
HAD NOT SEEN PRIOR RECEIPT REF A). WOULD FAVOR AGREEING TO  
EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR DANES TO OBTAIN OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS FROM  
GDR. WE SEE NOTHING TO LOSE, AND BY DOING SO ALLIES WOULD KEEP MONKEY  
ON  
GDR BACK. ALSON, WE WOULD BE TAKING SORT OF  
"PAINS" THAT SCHUETZ REFERRED TO AND WE WOULD BE  
PURSUING A MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF BONN GROUP STUDY  
(REF B); NAMELY, ENSURING THAT WESTERN SECTORS  
OF BERLIN SHARE IN OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRAFFIC  
IN EUROPE. GEORGE

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